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REVIEWS

Balch, Emily G. *Our Slavic Fellow Citizens.* Pp. xx, 536. Price, \$2.50. New York: Charities Publication Committee, 1910.

For many years the author has been studying the Slavs in their home country as well as in America. Much of the material in this volume was published in "Charities and the Commons," four years ago. Hitherto little has been done to introduce the Slavs to Americans save by Dr. E. A. Steiner. Speaking various unknown tongues, coming only yesterday, settling in colonies, they have remained almost unknown. There was an excellent opportunity for such a study and it is a poor compliment to our appreciation of social questions that for several years the publishers looked askance at the manuscript on the ground that the public cared nothing about the Slavs and would not buy.

The work is excellently done. The first part describes the Slavic immigration at its source and gives an account of the home life and conditions of the various groups. Here, too, attention is called to the marked influence America is having on European conditions through the returning emigrants. In the second part the history of the Slav immigration is treated and their economic and social life in America is described. At the end of the book are some fifty pages of appendices of data together with a bibliography and index.

The volume contains many good illustrations. Altogether it is one of the most sympathetic and interesting studies of the immigrant the reviewer knows, and it is heartily commended to all who wish to know more of the stranger within the gates.

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Eastman, Crystal. *Work Accidents and the Law.* Pp. xvi, 345. Price, \$1.50. New York: Charities Publication Committee, 1910.

Investigations in various social fields are continually emphasizing the need of more specific data bearing on social conditions. No recent investigation has done more to emphasize this need than that conducted by Miss Eastman into the causes and results of industrial accidents in Allegheny County (Pittsburg).

Taking the accidents of one year, Miss Eastman has prepared a careful summary, first, of their causes, and secondly, of their economic cost. Neither the employee nor the employer can be blamed for all the accidents. Defective machinery or the absence of safety appliances may often be responsible for some of the accident cost, but on the other hand, the reckless handling of even the most carefully constructed machines results disastrously to the worker.

The real value of Miss Eastman's study appears in her analysis of the social cost of work accidents. Her statements regarding the income loss are